

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3711
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RECOGNISATION OF SC CASTES IN STATES
Gandhi Smt. Maneka

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Namasudra, Poundra and Mato, Bengali Scheduled Castes have still not been recognized by the Government as Scheduled Castes in their respective States of migration and resettlement; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) As per provisions of Article 341 of the Constitution, lists of Scheduled Castes are notified for a State/Union Territory.

As regard inclusion of Namasudra, Poundra and Majhi (not Mato) communities in the list of Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttaranchal, the concerned States Governments had been requested to furnish the ethnographic details. No time frame can however, be assigned in the matter, as the proposals require consultation with various agencies and that any amendment in the list of Scheduled Castes can be done only by an Act of Parliament in view of provision of Article 341(2) of the Constitution of India.